

DPSS/DHS HOMELESS RELEASE PILOT

FACT SHEET

The DPSS/DHS Homeless Release Pilot Project was developed jointly between DPSS and the Department of Health Services (DHS) to prevent or reduce homelessness for patients discharged from DHS medical facilities. The project is designed to address the needs of homeless individuals being discharged and to connect eligible individuals with DPSS benefits and services.

On April 4, 2006, the Board approved funding for the key recommendations outlined in the Los Angeles County Homeless Prevention Initiative which included the DPSS/DHS Homeless Release Pilot.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Effective July 25, 2006, DPSS co-located staff at LAC-USC Medical Center to assist homeless individuals or those at risk of becoming homeless, in applying for all DPSS-administered programs (General Relief, CalWORKs, and Food Stamps). DPSS staff provides services on an as needed basis to the following DHS acute hospitals:

- Harbor UCLA Medical Center
- Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center
- Olive View Medical Center

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The projected cost in the DPSS Assistance Budget is \$327,522 (for the first year), with an ongoing annual Assistance projected cost of \$413,712.

Annual administrative costs to house seven staff (5 EWs, 1 Supervisor, 1 Clerk) to service the four pilot hospitals are \$174,475.

The Administrative and Assistance costs are net County costs (NCC).

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